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Information on Object No 1 of Wilson AG in
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1. Pit No 18-53 of "Objekt" No 1 at Johanngeorgenstadt had three levels and a depth of about 340 meters. [redacted] grade I and II ore was packed by the miners at the working face into boxes 60 x 40 x 40 cm. From 20 to 30 boxes were filled with uranium ore in three shifts. The ore mined was black, green and red. 50X1-HUM
2. [redacted] there was a shortage of workers at the mine. Workers had to sign up for one year. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
Newly recruited workers are paid 200.- to 300.- DM per month.
3. Pit No 54 had a work force of about 3,000 men. The pit had four levels. [redacted] the output at the mine was good. In November and December 1953, about 12 boxes of grade I ore were obtained per shift. The ore veins were 4 to 7 cm thick and from 6 to 12 meters long. The color of the ore mined was black, yellow, and brownish. The norm for the extension of galleries was fixed at 20 meters per month, with the rock being classified Category 9. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted] In 1954, many of the workers who had fulfilled their contract by working one year left the mine. Most of the younger workers remained at the mine because they feared to be inducted into the KVP if they left their place of work. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
several of the miners managed to smuggle ore samples out of the mine. Some of them had been caught and arrested.

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4. Pit No 35 had a depth of about 200 meters. The ore mined was either taken to the ore bunker which was about 100 meters distant from the elevator tower or to the ore dump which was about 50 meters from this tower. Grade II and III ore was handled by conveyer belts; grade I ore arrived from the pit packed in boxes and was loaded on Soviet trucks which left for an undetermined place. The ore was black and green. [redacted] on 50X1-HUM the average 100 mine carloads were produced per shift. The work force amounted to about 1,800 persons including about 200 female workers.
5. The Katharina mine, a former ore mine which was drowned, was used by the Wismut A.G. as a reservoir for drinking water. A total of 16 men worked in each of the three shifts at the pit, which was about 140 meters deep. At the lowest level of the mine there were three pumps which pumped subsoil water via filters and the chlorination plant to the surface pumping station. The surface pumping station was equipped with three pumps and six storage tanks from which the drinking water was directed to the various pits of "Objekt" No 1.

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